

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 107

Introduced by Assembly Member Hertzberg

August 27, 2001

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 107—Relative to commemorative state seals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 107, as introduced, Hertzberg. Commemorative state seals.

This measure would authorize the continued existence of the Commemorative Seals Advisory Committee and require it to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the design, construction, and dedication of 2 commemorative seals, one honoring Native Americans in California and the other honoring California's Spanish and Mexican heritage, for installation on the landing of the upper steps on the west side of the State Capitol on the level below the Great Seal of California. This measure would notify the actions of the committee to date and authorize existing members of the committee to continue serving.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, For thousands of years, Native Americans have
2 lived within the boundaries of present day California and Native
3 American names dot the landscape of California; and

4 WHEREAS, Native Americans were the first Californians, and
5 Californians today should be educated about the enduring legacy
6 of the Native American heritage of our state; and

7 WHEREAS, In recognition of the continuing influence and
8 contributions of Native Americans, the Legislature declares its

1 intent to memorialize generations of Native Americans in
2 California through a monument at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition, the Spanish and Mexican era
4 represents the colonial and the first frontier history of our great
5 state, inasmuch as Spain brought European civilization to
6 California, and Mexico administered California for nearly 25
7 years as its northernmost frontier; and

8 WHEREAS, Spanish names dot our landscape, and the pueblos,
9 presidios, missions, and ranchos of Spain established the
10 beginnings of California's political and institutional life; and

11 WHEREAS, The Spanish era in California dates from
12 approximately 1769 to 1822, inclusive, and the Mexican era of
13 California dates from 1822 to 1848, inclusive, and Californians
14 should be educated about the enduring legacy of the Spanish and
15 Mexican heritage of our state; and

16 WHEREAS, In recognition of the relationship between Spain
17 and Mexico and California, the Legislature declares its intent to
18 memorialize the Spanish and Mexican era of California through a
19 monument at the State Capitol; and

20 WHEREAS, The Legislature, through Assembly Concurrent
21 Resolution 57 (Resolution Chapter 104 of the Statutes of 1999)
22 created the 13-member Commemorative Seals Advisory
23 Committee to make recommendations to the Governor and the
24 Legislature regarding the design, construction, and dedication of
25 two commemorative seals, one honoring Native Americans in
26 California and the other honoring California's Spanish and
27 Mexican heritage, for installation on the landing of the upper steps
28 on the west side of the State Capitol on the level below the Great
29 Seal of California; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Commemorative Seals Advisory
32 Committee be extended indefinitely and that existing members of
33 the committee be authorized to continue serving; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the actions of the committee to date be ratified;
35 and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the committee shall make recommendations to
37 the Legislature regarding the design, construction, and dedication
38 of two bronze commemorative seals, one honoring Native
39 Americans in California, and the other honoring California's



1 Spanish and Mexican heritage, for installation on the steps on the
2 west side of the State Capitol; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That each of the seals be smaller than the Great Seal
4 of California that is located on the landing of the upper steps on the
5 west side of the State Capitol and that each seal be installed on the
6 landing of the steps on the west side of the State Capitol on the level
7 below the Great Seal of California; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly provide copies
9 of this resolution to the Governor, the Director of General
10 Services, and the author for appropriate distribution.

